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Glacier Symphony's "Autumn Violin" Masterworks concert features popular Mendelssohn concerto: guest soloist, Ilana Setapen, returns to perform with the orchestra

Glacier Symphony's "Autumn Violin" concert will showcase the orchestra in a performance of one of Felix Mendelssohn's most melodic and popular concertos, the "Violin Concerto in E minor," on November 21 and 22 in Kalispell and Whitefish. Guest violinist, Ilana Setapen, will make her triumphant return to the Flathead Valley with this concert; she last appeared as a soloist with the 2008 Festival Amadeus Orchestra.

Music Director of the Glacier Symphony and Chorale, John Zoltek, has selected the vibrant and beautifully lyrical ballet music from Alexander Glazunov's "The Seasons" to open the program in Autumnal style. He rounds out the repertoire with Robert Schumann's, "Symphony No. 2 in C Major," work he describes as "full of emotional extremes and expanded classical design bursting with enigmatic potential." Concerts will be held Saturday, November 21, 7:30 p.m. in Glacier High School Performance Hall in Kalispell, and Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m. at the Whitefish Performing Arts Center.

As Zoltek explains, "This is a deeply musical program that will certainly thrill and inspire. Our soloist, Ms. Setapen, is an exceptionally engaging violinist who will bring her interpretive insight and technical prowess to this very popular Mendelssohn concerto." He adds that Mendelssohn wrote it during a creative burst in his early years and the work is considered an orchestral showpiece.

Ms. Setapen garnered rave reviews and a local following with her performance here in 2008. Since her solo orchestral debut at age 15 with the Amarillo Symphony, she has been flourishing as a violinist with a powerful and original voice. She now continues to thrive as a professional. Currently she is Associate Concertmaster of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra as well as Assistant Concertmaster of the Grant Park Festival Orchestra in Chicago. She has won top prizes in many competitions, such as the Irving M. Klein International String Competition, the

Pasadena Showcase Competition, the Kingsville International Competition and the Amarillo Young Performers Competition.

Ms. Setapen studied with Robert Lipsett both at the University of Southern California and at the Colburn Conservatory. Ilana currently attends the Juilliard School as a masters student of Donald Weilerstein and Ronald Copes. Ilana performs on a 1799 Johannes Gagliano violin, on loan from the Mandell Collection of Southern California.

Tickets for “Autumn Violin” can be purchased online at www.gscmusic.org or by calling the GSC office, 257-3241. All seats at Glacier High School are General Admission and are priced from \$10 to \$25. All seats are reserved at the Whitefish Performing Arts Center concert, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$30. Limited seating is available at the door of each venue.

SIDE BAR

A limited number of reduced price Rush Tickets will be sold for the Autumn Violin concert on Friday, November 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Flathead Valley Community College. Tickets are \$15 each, and will be available outside the bookstore on campus.

